

# Indiana and Michigan News

## MINE WORKERS PLAN DRIVE FOR OLD AGE PENSION MEASURE

Eagles Also Organizing Old Age Pension Clubs to Aid Campaign.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 26.—A drive for the enactment of Old Age Pension legislation in the state legislature at its session beginning next January, is forecast by the United Mine Workers of America, which has appealed to all coal miners in Indiana to work for the passage of the law. The Eagles, a fraternal order, also is organizing old age pension clubs, and the miners' committee has called on all union coal workers to aid the order's work.

"We have the best opportunity for getting an old age pension law enacted in Indiana we ever had and if we fail now it may take years of hard work to obtain such a law," says the appeal of the committee on pension legislation for the United Mine Workers. "Get busy and let us put it over." It adds.

The appeal, published in the current issue of the Mine Workers' Journal, also says:

"The Fraternal Order of Eagles, in conducting a campaign in Indiana to organize an old age pension club in every community where they have an aerle. Already more than seventy of these clubs have been formed, and candidates for the legislature are awakening to the fact that they will have the voting strength of these clubs to contend with in the coming primary and election. Already politicians and candidates are expressing sympathy with the movement, but what we want is their pledge to support an old age pension law at the 1923 session of the legislature."

"The plan of the Eagles is to have each aerle appoint a committee of five, whose duty shall be to organize a club in their community. These five can add the names of as many men and women to their committee as they choose, and canvass the community for members of the club, having them sign a pledge to support an old age pension law; then appoint a committee to visit all legislative candidates, and in the name of the club demand their support of such a law."

"The old age pension committee of the United Mine Workers of America has visited some of our local unions and asked them to take similar action, and in every instance met with the unanimous support of the plan. It had been our purpose to visit every mining county in the state and help to get our clubs established and in working shape before the primary election, but the suspension of work and the necessity to conserve so far as possible the resources of the organization renders it necessary that we call on local unions and the members to do what they can to forward the plan of organization, believing if you will do this that success will crown our efforts when the legislature meets next January."

## COST OF INDIANA PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE \$300,000

State Officials Announce That Each Vote Cast Will Cost Almost a Dollar.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 26.—Expenses for the primaries, May 2, will total slightly more than \$300,000, according to state officials, indicating that each vote cast will cost between 50 cents and one dollar, on the basis of the estimate, made by officers of the political party organizations, that between 200,000 and 300,000 voters will go to the polls.

Plans for the primaries are being completed by the state board of election commissioners, county officials and party organization leaders. Because of the large field of candidates in many counties, officials expect local printing costs to be higher than in the past, with other expenses substantially unchanged.

In the 1920 primaries, the total cost was \$214,427, with 217,344 of the 1,118,888 voters of the state participating. The state legislative reference bureau shows that the average expense for the state was 89 cents for each vote. The bureau's tabulation shows the cost in each county, the lowest being 23 cents a vote in Boone county and the highest \$1.83 a vote in White county.

For other counties the cost for each vote was shown by the bureau as follows:

Allen county, \$1.49; Bartholomew, \$1.44; Cass, \$1.06; Clinton, 57 cents; Daviess, \$1.15; DeWatur, 76 cents; Delaware, 56 cents; Elkhart, \$1.53; Fayette, \$1.17; Grant, \$1.26; Howard, \$1.06; Huntington, 94 cents; Jefferson, \$1.02; Knox, 94 cents; Kosciusko, 57 cents; Madison, 81 cents; Marion, 53 cents; Miami, 94 cents; Montgomery, 78 cents; St. Joseph, \$1.69; Tippecanoe, 76 cents; Vanderburgh, \$1.17; Vigo, \$1.61; Walsh, 53 cents; and Wayne, \$1.11.

## \$2,500 DAMAGE DONE BY WARSAW FARM FIRE

WARSAW, Ind., April 26.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed a frame building, a Ford automobile, corn and tools, hoes, binders and other farming implements on the farm of Ray Smith, 16 miles southeast of Warsaw. A small amount of insurance was carried. The loss is estimated at about \$2,500.

## COUNTY COURT HOUSE WELCOMES FIRST BORN

WARSAW, Ind., April 26.—The first baby ever born in the Kosciusko county court house arrived Wednesday afternoon.

The child is Edward Orion Treesh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Treesh. Mr. Treesh is custodian of the county building.

## POLICE MATRON OPENS BATTLE TO SAVE JOB

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., April 26.—Mrs. Edith Doland, police matron, was notified by Commissioner-elect William P. Penty, in charge of the public safety department, Monday that her resignation was desired. Tuesday Mrs. Doland said she would have to be shown. She declined to quit until charges are filed against her, as required by city charter, and proved. Mayor C. C. Green says there are no charges pending, and that Commissioner Penty has no authority to "fire" the matron. Penty's idea, he explained, was to save \$1,100 by combining the police matron's work with that of Mrs. Laura T. Kelley, police woman. Mrs. Doland, who has been matron for eight years, has retained counsel to look after her interests.

## NAME HEIRESS IN DEATH OF YOUTH

Romance of Grand Rapids Youth is Revealed in Quiz of Mystery Death.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 26.—A romance of the World War which ended in near disaster, today was regarded by police as an important clue in the mysterious death of Philip W. Van Houten, 23, Grand Rapids youth, found shot through the heart in a New York hotel.

It was learned today that Van Houten had been shot at twice by a beautiful young Philadelphia heiress about a year ago during a quarrel over another girl. The story was told to the police by A. A. Schneider, who, with the slain youth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Houten, appealed to the police last night to investigate Van Houten's death. Van Houten at first was believed to have committed suicide.

According to Schneider, Van Houten told him before leaving for New York several months ago that he, Van Houten, had met a Philadelphia girl when he returned from overseas.

She threw a bouquet of flowers to him from the dock and in the bouquet he found her name and address. They became attached to each other, Van Houten said, and according to Schneider, the girl sent him money at intervals at one time a check for \$1,200.

## ADMITTS SETTING FIRES AT GRAND RAPIDS, CLAIM

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 26.—Sheriff's officers late Tuesday arrested Henry Van Wigen, 22 years old, who admitted, they said, being the firebug who, during the last two weeks, has terrorized farmers southeast of the city by burning barns and outbuildings.

Places burned include hangars of the Roosevelt Aeroplane company, barns at the county work farm and others places, and one vacant house.

Van Wigen told officers, they said, that he burned the buildings because they were being used for immoral purposes by motor parties. His parents, local residents, said he had been under observation for a month.

## Bank Suspends Business; Report Examiners Called

LOOGOOTEE, Ind., April 26.—Business at the White River bank here was suspended Wednesday. No statement was given out as to the cause of the closing, although it was said the bank was unable to cash checks presented. It was reported that state bank examiners have been summoned.

The bank is capitalized at \$70,000 and was said to have \$420,000 on deposit. Walter Hays of Loogootee is president of the bank and Frank Walter is cashier. Mr. Hays was out of the city Wednesday.

## IN HIGHWAY SYSTEM

INDIANAPOLIS, April 26.—Eighteen miles of highway between Lebanon and Westfield, a gap in the state highway extending between the Illinois line near Covington and Union City, has been included in the state highway system by the state highway commission.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT A. J. REVERIDGE

Charles S. Bookwalter, former mayor of Indianapolis, will tell the voters of St. Joseph county the truth about the man who is seeking to unseat the United States Senator Harry S. New, in the High School auditorium, Friday night, at 8:15. This is the best political speech in Indiana this year. —Adv. 118

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## TEMPERANCE UNION TO MEET TODAY AT WARSAW

WARSAW, Ind., April 26.—The annual meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held in Warsaw Thursday.

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## Chicago Woman to Speak at Bible Class Enquet

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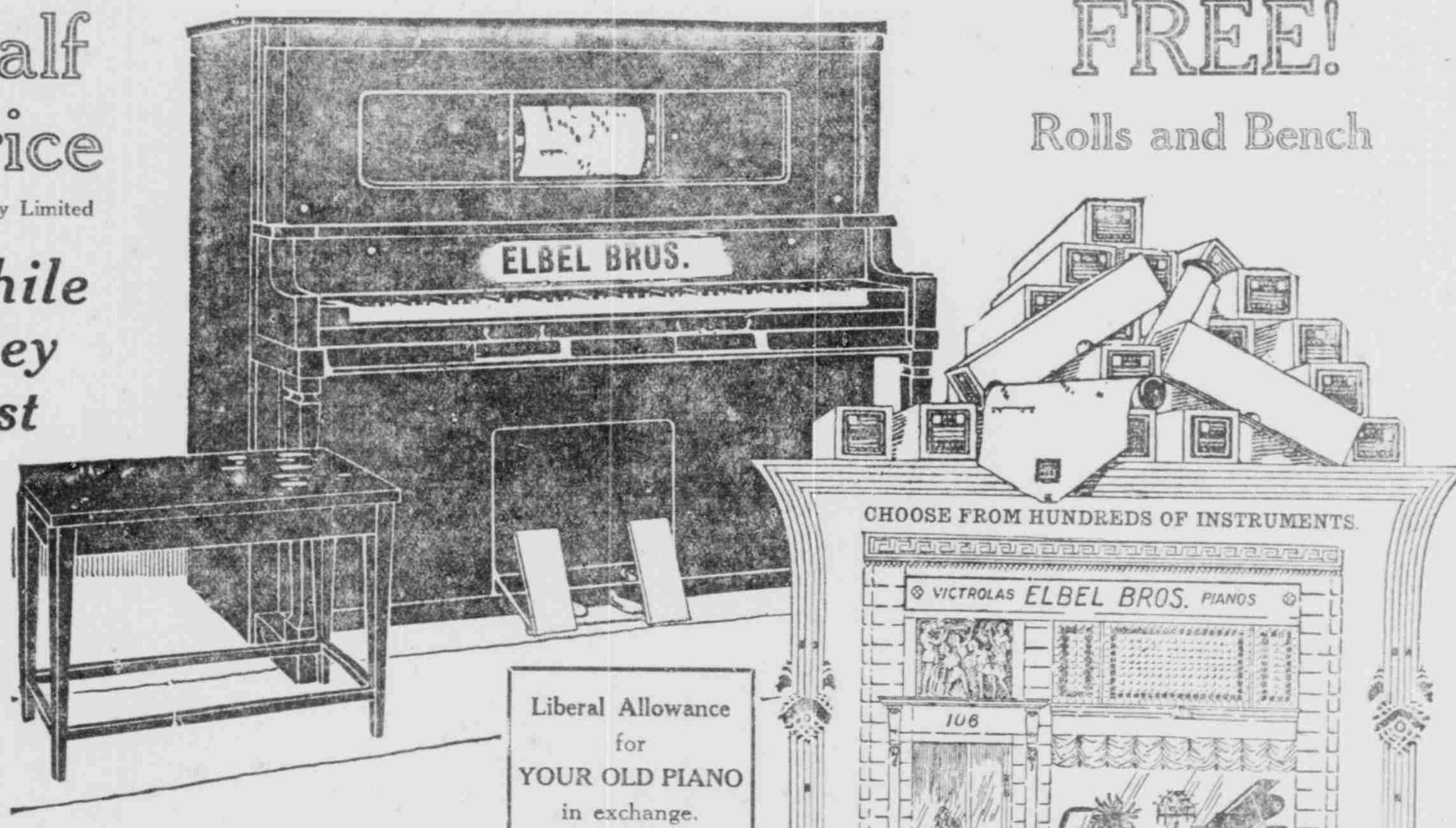
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